

Senate Resolution

No. 47

Introduced by Senator Leno

May 19, 2014

Senate Resolution No. 47—Relative to ~~the~~ City College of San Francisco.

1 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco, founded in
2 1935, is a long-running and established entity in the San Francisco
3 Bay area; and

4 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is the largest
5 community college district with a student enrollment of
6 approximately 80,000 students in 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco gives individuals
8 who lack English language skills the ability to learn English to
9 gain employment and participate and contribute to the economy;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is the first stop
12 for many recent immigrants to take naturalization courses to
13 integrate into the broader society; and

14 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco provides a
15 pathway to career and participation in the California dream for
16 thousands of people each year; and

17 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is a valuable
18 tool in maintaining the middle class in the City and County of San
19 Francisco by being one of the few resources low-income students
20 can utilize to climb the economic ladder; and

21 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is an important
22 resource that provides opportunities for low-income students to

1 gain job skills and adults to obtain their graduate equivalency
2 diplomas; and

3 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco offers over 50
4 educational programs and more than 100 work training courses
5 and specializes in training the future workforce of the City and
6 County of San Francisco in the hospitality, culinary, automotive,
7 and construction industries; and

8 WHEREAS, California's Student Success Score Card, a
9 performance measurement system created by the Board of
10 Governors of the California Community Colleges to track student
11 success at all community colleges in California, shows that ~~the~~
12 City College of San Francisco has a higher percentage of students
13 who transfer to a four-year university or earn a vocational
14 certificate than the statewide average; and

15 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco is a major job
16 creator in the City and County of San Francisco, employing about
17 1,500 faculty members; and

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analyst
19 has found that ~~the~~ City College of San Francisco generates well
20 over \$300 million in economic activity every year; and

21 WHEREAS, In July, 2012, the Accrediting Commission for
22 Community and Junior Colleges sanctioned ~~the~~ City College of
23 San Francisco with a 'show cause' order, which required the
24 college to remedy issues identified by the commission; and

25 WHEREAS, ~~On July 31, 2014, the Accrediting Commission~~
26 ~~for Community and Junior Colleges will determine the~~
27 ~~accreditation status of the City College of San Francisco; In July~~
28 ~~2013, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior~~
29 ~~Colleges voted to terminate City College of San Francisco's~~
30 ~~accreditation effective July 31, 2014, subject to review and appeal;~~
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Since the 'show cause' order issue in 2012, ~~the~~
33 City College of San Francisco has made substantial progress in
34 remedying the issues identified by the commission; and

35 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco has hired a
36 permanent chancellor, chief financial officer, chief counsel, and
37 chief instructional officer, and filled other leadership positions;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ City College of San Francisco has met nearly
40 85 95 percent of the 350 objectives ~~laid out~~ *identified* by the

1 Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to
2 ~~maintain its accreditation~~ *Colleges and the Fiscal Crisis and*
3 *Management Assistance Team, and in the college's Roadmap to*
4 *Success, and is now in substantial compliance with the*
5 *accreditation standards, but is not likely to meet them all by there*
6 *are still changes the college must complete that will not be finalized*
7 *by July 31, 2014, when the fate of its accreditation will be*
8 ~~determined~~; *the date upon which the Accrediting Commission for*
9 *Community and Junior Colleges revocation decision is scheduled*
10 *to become final; and*

11 WHEREAS, The City College of San Francisco has asked for
12 an extension of time to allow them to fully address the issues
13 identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and
14 Junior Colleges but the commissioners have declined the request
15 stating that federal law prevented them from granting an extension;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The California Community College Board of
18 Governors has requested the Accrediting Commission for
19 Community and Junior Colleges to rescind its termination of City
20 College of San Francisco's accreditation and send a visiting team
21 to the college to document the progress that has been made; and

22 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education
23 recently stated that the Accrediting Commission for Community
24 and Junior Colleges has the flexibility to give the City College of
25 San Francisco additional time to remedy all outstanding issues
26 without jeopardizing the commission's standing with the
27 department; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
29 urges the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior
30 Colleges to consider the progress the City College of San Francisco
31 has made and, as necessary, provide the college with additional
32 time to continue solving problems and keep its accreditation intact;
33 and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
35 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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